



Michelle Van Cleave

National Counterintelligence Executive

President George W. Bush appointed the Honorable Michelle Van Cleave as the National Counterintelligence Executive (NCIX) on July 28, 2003. The NCIX, under the provisions of the Counterintelligence Enhancement Act of 2002, serves as the head of national counterintelligence for the US Government, subject to the direction and control of the President. As the NCIX, Ms. Van Cleave chairs the National Counterintelligence Policy Board, which is the principal mechanism for developing policies and procedures for the approval of the President to govern the conduct of CI activities. She is also the director of the Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive (ONCIX), which is located in the Office of the Director of Central Intelligence. ONCIX is responsible for:

- The production of an annual strategic planning assessment for counterintelligence (CI) requirements of the United States.
- Developing and implementing the national CI strategy.
- Overseeing and coordinating the production of strategic CI analyses, including the production of CI damage assessments, and assessments of lessons learned from CI activities.
- Coordinating the development of budgets and resource allocation plans for CI programs and activities.
- Developing priorities for CI investigations, operations, and CI collection activities for purposes of executing the National Counterintelligence Strategy.
- Conducting CI Awareness programs for both government and the private sector.
- Developing policies and standards for training and professional development of CI personnel.

Ms. Van Cleave's prior government positions include Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Policy, Department of Defense, and Staff Director of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism and Government Information. She was General Counsel and Assistant Director for National Security Affairs of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy under President Ronald Reagan and President George H. W. Bush. She also served on the staff of the House of Representatives as Chief Minority Counsel of the Committee on Science, Space and Technology, and as defense and foreign policy assistant to Congressman Jack Kemp and the House Republican Conference.

In private life, Ms. Van Cleave was Of Counsel to the law firm of Feith & Zell, PC, and co-founder and President of National Security Concepts, Inc., of Washington, D.C. She is a member of the bar associations of the State of California and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Van Cleave holds M.A. and B.A. degrees in International Relations from the University of Southern California (USC) and a J.D. degree from the USC School of Law.